

syllabi/textbooks are based on a comprehensive understanding of the pupil's psyche, the learning process and conditions and methods of learning. The stress given in the Framework on a child-centred approach to education, on the role of the teacher as facilitator, on replacement of rote learning, lectures and information by interactive modes of teaching which focus on 'learning' and stimulate curiosity; are designed to make the study of subjects interesting and easy to grasp.

The tendency on the part of some schools, particularly those in urban areas, to recommend a large number of books, has contributed to overburdening of students. This tendency was sought to be curbed by issuing instructions from the Ministry of Human Resource Development in October, 1989 to the Education Secretaries of all States and Union Territories to ask the schools not to prescribe more books than which are actually required and to ensure that children carry only those textbooks/exercise books which are actually required on a particular day.

[Translation]

#### Urban Development Projects of Uttar Pradesh

\*452 SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Urban Development Projects of Uttar Pradesh are pending with the Union Government for clearance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

#### Civic Amenities in Jhuggi Jhompari Colonies of Delhi

\*453. SHRI RAM BADAN:

SHRI TARA CHAND KHANDELWAL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of houses in various Jhuggi Jhompari colonies in Delhi and total population residing there;

(b) the number of such colonies where there is no arrangement for electricity, water and sanitation; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to raise the living standard of the people residing in such colonies?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) The position regarding the Jhuggi Jhompari (JJ) clusters and the population residing therein is reported to be as follows:

(i) Total estimated jhuggi clusters in Delhi—929.

(ii) Total number of jhuggi families in Delhi—2.60 lakhs.

(iii) The estimated population in these jhuggis—13 lakhs.

(b) and (c) The scheme of Environmental Improvement of JJ clusters has been in operation since the Seventh Plan. The scheme aims at providing minimum basic civic amenities of drinking water, Pay and Use public

toilets, paved pathways, storm water drains, street lights, dustbins and "dhalaos". The civic amenities provided are as follows :

**Water Supply**

No. of JJ clusters where drinking water has been supplied through Municipal water hydrants or deep bore handpumps 653 (the remaining JJ clusters are supplied water through tankers)

**Pay and use Jansuvidha complexes**

No. of sites where jansuvidha complexes have been completed and opened for public use 135 (containing 6646 W.C. seats and 2498 baths)

No. of sites where construction is in progress 27 complexes containing 813 WC seats and 324 baths

In addition, 37 mobile toilet vans are in operation

**Brick paved pathways and drains**

No. of JJ clusters where paved pathways and drains provided 399 clusters

**Street light points**

No. of JJ clusters where street light points have been provided 326 clusters

**Dust-bins/dhalaos**

No. of JJ clusters where dust-bins/dhalaos etc. provided Dust bins in 205 JJ clusters & dhalaos in 56 JJ clusters.

These amenities will be provided to the remaining eligible JJ clusters in a phased manner after taking into account local conditions.

**Review of Reservation Policy**

\*454. SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV :

SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to review the reservation policy afresh and make it applicable on economic considerations;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to conduct a survey for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

The MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) to (d) The Office Memorandum of 13-8-90 providing for 27% reservation of vacancies in Civil posts/services under the Government of India in favour of the Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC's) has been challenged through a number of writ petitions filed in High Courts as well as The Supreme Court which are being heard by a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court headed by Chief Justice.

2. The Supreme Court has vide its interim orders of 21-9-1990 and 1-10-1990, directed that no steps for implementing of the order of 13-8-1990 excepting identification of castes to be benefited shall be taken by the Government until the matter is heard. It has also directed that the